THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) In pursuance of the Supreme Court orders, there is a proposal to build a peripheral expressway around Delhi. The estimated cost of project is Rs. 3657 crore and will be shared by Central Government, Government of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and National Capital Territory of Delhi. Since the project is in the preliminary stage and the alignments are yet to be finalized, the work has not yet started. At this stage, therefore it is not possible to indicate the targets for completion of the work.

MAHU By-Pass on NH-3

t2598. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal for the demarcation of Mahu By-Pass on National Highway No. 3 passing through Madhya Pradesh to be included in Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, whether the same has been included in the plan; and

(c) if so, the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) The construction of Mahu Bypass is a part of proposed four laning of Indore-khalghat section of NH-3 included in the list of works to be taken up under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-Ill on Build, Operate & Transfer (BOT) basis.

(c) The Government has accorded approval to NHDP Phase-Ill.

Funds for Maintenance of National Highway

†2599. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:

SHRI RUDRANARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) the details of funds allocated for the maintenance of National Highways in the year 2004-05;

(b) whether it is a fact that some States have demanded more funds for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the decision taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) An amount of Rs. 745.56 crore has been allocated for maintenance of National Highways during 2004-05.

(b) to (d) Seventeen States have demanded more funds for maintenance of National Highways. Some more funds have been allocated within the overall availability of resources taking into account the inter-se priority of works and utilization of funds by the States.

Road Accidents in Delhi

2600. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi, the capital continues to lead the other Metropolis in the matter of road deaths and road accidents;

(b) if so, the number of such deaths and accidents in each metropolis during the year 2001 and onwards, year-wise; and

(c) the reasons for this continuing situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) As reported by the respective State/UT Governments, the number of road accidents and persons killed in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai in the years 2001 and 2002 were as under: -